

In the past decade, Mexico has outgrown Canada.

The Ritter road proposition would be a good work for a board of trade to start on.

A board of trade has been organized at Dallas. Why not organize a similar organization here? This would be a good time to commence.

Every week of the year, the GAZETTE receives letters of inquiry about Heppner and Eastern Oregon. A board of trade might be a great benefit to Heppner.

The dispatches announce the burning of another negro at the stake, down South. The horrible spectacle was witnessed by 6000 people. So long as the blacks continue their terrible crimes, this savage custom will be perpetuated.

In a recent public meeting, George C. Brownell announced himself as a candidate for re-election as state senator from Clackamas county. He favored the initiative and referendum, and the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people.

Winters, the man who robbed the Selly Smelting Works of so much gold, was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary, which is no more than he deserved even if he did make a full confession. He is worthy of no more sympathy than any other thief.

The exodus from the Nome gold fields is now fairly on. There are a great many idle men there and the approach of the arctic winter is driving them out as fast as they can get out. Hundreds of men will work for anything they can get in order to get passage money.

According to a bulletin recently made public by the census office, Portland, Oregon, is the second healthiest city in the United States, its death rate in 1900 being but 9.5 per cent, while that of St. Joseph, Mo., the leading city, was 9.1 per cent. The bulletin gives the mortality statistics during the census year in the states and territories and the principal registration cities. The total number of deaths reported for the year was 1,039,004 as against 841,419 for 1899. Perhaps the most important feature of the results presented is found in the general death rate in the registration area of 1.8 per 1000 of population, a decrease of nearly 10 per cent. The average age at death in 1899 was 31.1 years; in 1900 it was 35.2 years. This is certainly an encouraging report for the advance made in medical science and sanitation.

Congressman T. H. Tongue in reply to a query of the American Economist, asking an expression of opinion regarding general tariff revision, opposes a general revision of the schedules, but believes that duties that foster trusts should be removed, and makes the following statement: "But if a careful examination should prove, what is so often alleged, that there are tariffs upon products not needed for either revenue or protection; that the industries producing these goods are capable of withstanding all foreign competition, that they are outstripping all foreign competitors in their own domain, and rapidly capturing the markets of the world, and that these tariffs serve no purpose except to enable the corporations controlling these products to extort unreasonable prices from the home consumer while selling cheaper abroad, then they should be repealed at once."

Under an order by Secretary Long the entire naval service is divided into four ratings, exclusive of the torpedo boats, sailing ships, tugs and auxiliaries. Under the new order of things the present strength of the navy, as recently compiled, gives five battleships of nearly 12,000 tons displacement; three of over 10,000 displacement; and two armored cruisers, as belonging to the first rate. In addition there are nine powerful battleships under construction,

three of which are of 15,000 tons displacement; two of 14,000 tons and the remainder over 12,000 tons. Besides these six immense armored cruisers of from 13,000 tons to 14,000 will be added to this rating. Under the new rating, the new protracted cruisers of 9,000 tons displacement and 21,000-horse power, will come under the head of second-class battleships.

In the division of state offices for the State of Oregon it is a well known fact that the great Inland Empire has not been fairly recognized. This is admitted by republicans all over the state, but has not Eastern Oregon been somewhat to blame for this condition of affairs? Have the forces been properly and harmoniously concentrated at the proper time? The question is now coming up again. It has a good start already. What are the republicans going to do? Several candidates have been prominently mentioned. Local favorites are being put forward in different localities. While this is a condition that always exists, it is a matter that should be settled before the meeting of the next Republican State Convention. The republicans of Eastern Oregon should come to some sort of an agreement upon what they are entitled to, and the GAZETTE believes that the next Republican State Convention will do what is right and just. This is no time to stir up contention which is injurious to party interests at all times. There is no reason why the republicans of Eastern and Western Oregon should not work together in harmony. Eastern Oregon is entitled to something and we are going to have it, and we are not going to stir up any row about it either.

WHAT WE SPEND FOR PENSIONS.

Since the 1st of July, 1790, to the end of June, 1901, the United States Government has disbursed the enormous sum of \$2,763,353,033 for pensions. This vast amount has been chiefly paid to the participants in five wars—that of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the War of the Rebellion and the Spanish-American War. The greatest amounts have of course, gone to the survivors and dependents of the soldiers who fought in the Civil War, although the sum expended in meeting the claims growing out of the Mexican War is by no means inconsiderable. Already the drafts to meet the consequences of the war with Spain are making themselves felt. Last year the Spanish war pensioners received \$1,175,225, an increase over the preceding year of \$842,320. This amount is sure to swell in the future.

The statement of Commissioner Evans, from which the above figures were derived, also gives the amounts of money paid to pensioners under different administrations since the Civil War. During President Grant's first term the average disbursements were \$29,034,069 annually; during the four years of his second term the average was \$28,598,839. While Hayes was President the average was \$38,330,622 a year; in the succeeding administration it rose to \$59,456,268; there was a further average increase during Cleveland's first term to \$76,408,165. It was \$129,926,931 a year while Harrison was in office, and \$139,487,692 during Cleveland's second term. The yearly average rose to \$140,000,137 between 1897 and 1901, and it will probably exceed that amount during McKinley's second term.

Small Prune Crop.

According to Secretary Lamberson, of the State Board of Horticulture, Oregon will produce this year between 10,000,000 and 24,000,000 pounds of evaporated prunes. These will grade from 40s up. Last year a large part of the Oregon crop graded below 40s, the yield being light enough to permit plenty of room on the trees for the fruit to attain large size. The better yield this season will result in reducing the size of the fruit, which is crowded on the trees. It is not expected that more than 100 to 125 carloads of Oregon prunes will be sent to market fresh. About half of Idaho's prunes will be shipped fresh, and a considerable part of the production of Eastern Washington, but those regions are nearer market than the Oregon producers, and nearness to market is an important factor in the successful handling of fresh fruit. Oregon's product will be evaporated, and there will be probably 1100 carloads of the cured fruit to go forward.

The California crop last year approximated 140,000,000 pounds, and this season's yield will be less than 40 per cent of that.

Perhaps Clark, which is Washington's chief prune county, will send to market 75 carloads of evaporated prunes. The remainder of the state will not double Clark County's production. Idaho's yield will be under 200 carloads of 10 tons each.

The prospect is that California's carry-over prunes will not exceed 23,000,000 pounds, when the new crop shall be ready for the market. To this will be added this year's crop of 55,000,000 pounds for California, say 22,000,000 pounds for Oregon, 4,000,000 pounds for Washington and 3,000,000 pounds for Idaho. Last year Oregon marketed 17,500,000 pounds, Washington about 1,000,000 pounds and Idaho's product was inconsiderable. Thus the United States prune crop this year will be about 84,000,000 pounds, as against nearly 100,000,000 pounds last season. The crop in the Pacific Northwest is materially better this season than it was last, so these states are likely to profit from the failure in California.

Literary Notes

The story in the argonaut for August 16, 1901, is by John Harold Hamlin, and is entitled, "The Tresspass of Widow Crogan: A Compromising Incident of the Peavine Feud." It is an amusing sketch of a disturbing element in a mining camp, and pictures a midnight raid that nearly ended in disaster.

The August number of the Pacific Monthly is the best number of that magazine ever issued. It has made a new departure in that it has adopted the plan of having many illustrations, the most popular feature of magazines nowadays. The articles, too, are of exceptional interest. They combine the local and the world-wide in such a degree as to challenge the interest of all people in this section.

"Thief if you please; I don't know. We needn't quarrel over the word he branded himself with. Yet a trust of money, of friendship, of duty were safer far in Dave's hands than in the hands of a bluffer financier." Thus speaks Tommie Burns of his "pal," Dave Hawk the hero of Frank H. Spearman's story, "Of the Old Guard" (September McClure's). According to the conductor's admiring friend, "It was a queer deal out on the West End in those days. Everybody on the line from the director to the car-tinks was giving the company the worst of it." And Dave looked out for his share of the loot just as the higher officials did. Yet he refused promotion, because of his dishonesty, and finally faced death calmly while in pursuit of his duty. In all Mr. Spearman's railroad stories there is not a more sympathetic winning character, strange as it may seem.

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The Ladies' Home Journal for September is the "Special Autumn Fashion Number" of that excellent magazine. In addition to an unusual number of interesting stories and striking features, it devotes seven pages to a complete setting forth of the styles to be in dresses, bodices, hats and wraps. The most important literary feature, perhaps, is the initial installment of "Miss Alcott's Letters to Her 'Laurie'"—letters which have never before been printed. They are edited by "Laurie" himself—now grown up. There is a delightful description of a day in the woods with Ernest Seton Thompson, and a jolly recital of "The College Scrapes We Got Into," by "A Graduate." The fourth part of Miss Tompkin's "Alleen" brings that charming story near to its close, and Mr. Bok discusses the need for parental cooperation in education in his editorial on "The School Question Again." Three articles about "Cats That Draw Salaries," "Famous People as We Do Not Know Them," and "How a Village Changed its Name" combine to make an exceptional page, and a double page is devoted to photographs of "The Hand-some Ladies in America." "The New Wedding Stationery" is shown, also some of the photographs which won prizes in The Journal's recent rural contest. In addition to the regular departments there are valuable articles on "A Cleverly Planned Nursery," "Plants Which Can Be Raised in the House," and plans for an ideal \$7000 house. By The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

General Manager P. P. Shelby, of the Pacific & Idaho Northern, the railroad that is now in operation in Idaho from Weiser northward to Council, says Council will in a year or two become the greatest cattle-shipping station in Idaho. The Council Valley is a charming and fruitful section, and it is bounded by grass-thatched hills that are ideal grazing ground. It is expected that all the valley will soon be occupied for farming, but the adjacent hills will feed numerous herds collected for shipping, and the location will make it a great shipping center.

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